

IRRIGATOR

Purpose:

To actively support and uphold the City's stated mission and values. To perform a variety of duties in the distribution and control of irrigation water and maintenance of related equipment and lines.

Supervision Received and Exercised:

Receives general supervision from supervisory or management staff.

Examples of Duties:

This class specification is intended to indicate the basic nature of positions allocated to the class and examples of typical duties that may be assigned. It does not imply that all positions within the class perform all of the duties listed, nor does it necessarily list all possible duties that may be assigned.

Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Irrigate yards and parks; operate head gates in irrigation standpipes and irrigation valves to allow the flow of irrigation water into lateral mains; open and close irrigation valves on individual parcels of property; monitor the flow of water.
- Maintain and repair leaking irrigation and lateral lines used in the delivery of irrigation water.
- Maintain and repair wheel and slide gates; alfalfa valves and pipelines.
- Perform preventive maintenance in confined spaces, on wheel and slide gates and valves using a variety of power and hand tools.
- Weld joints and fabricate parts as appropriate and necessary.
- Locate, troubleshoot and repair valves and pipes using metal detectors, tracers, locaters and line identifiers.
- Train, mentor and oversee new employees in procedures and tasks.

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• Identify equipment needs for assigned projects. Order irrigation parts and

supplies as necessary.

Identify shoring and barricading needs in the field and utilize proper safety

precautions related to work performed.

Install standpipes, irrigation and lateral lines and irrigation valves.

• Clean underground irrigation lines; locate and remove blockages in lines to

facilitate flow of irrigation water.

Maintain City vehicle and equipment; including a pickup truck, jackhammer and

water pump; ensure that vehicle is properly serviced.

Tactfully respond to citizen inquiries and complaints on a regular and consistent

basis.

Assist customers with proper design of yard to avoid water wasting problems.

• Notify customers of irrigation date and time and cancellation of runs as

necessary.

Answer questions and provide information to the public; investigate complaints

and recommend corrective actions as necessary to resolve complaints.

Coordinate with SRP on a regular basis to receive, transfer and stop flow of

water.

Enter all irrigation usage and scheduling data into database using laptop

computer during irrigation runs.

Perform related duties as assigned.

Experience and Training Guidelines:

Any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. The hiring department may include job related

experience, training or license and certification preferences at the time of

recruitment. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

One year of manual labor experience, including some customer service experience.

Some responsible experience with irrigation or sprinkler systems is desirable.

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Training:

Formal or informal education or training which ensures the ability to read and write at a level necessary for successful job performance.

Licenses/Certifications:

Requires the possession of a valid driver's license.

This position is included in the City's classified service, pursuant to City of Tempe Personnel Rules and Regulations, Rule 1, Section 103.

Job Code: 075

FLSA: Non-Exempt